

GOLD LICENCE: INFORMATION FOR 2004

What is a Gold Licence?

The Gold Licence is for people who wish to spend time cruising on a combination of British Waterways' and Environment Agency Navigations. EA navigations include the River Thames, Anglian waterways and River Medway: currently each of these areas has its own registration/licensing scheme.

The Gold Licence replaces the need for separate licences from the different authorities and covers all BW and EA navigations.

It is a twelve month licence and registration for powered craft only. It doesn't cover the tender to a boat – you need to register or licence this separately with the individual authorities.

What does it cost?

If your boat is less than 3.5 metres (11'5") wide, the cost is between £299 and £784, depending on its length. The full price list for boats under 3.5m wide is printed overleaf.

You can obtain a formal quotation for a wider boat by calling 01923 201120 (Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm, 9-1 Saturdays), or you can download the full fee sheet from www.britishwaterways.co.uk - use the site directory to take you to craft licensing.

You may find a Gold licence more economical than separate licences from the different navigation authorities if you plan to spend more than 2 consecutive weeks away from your home navigation on any of the waterways covered by the licence.

When is it available?

All Gold licences start from January 1st – 31 December 2004

How can I get a refund on my current, unexpired licence or registration?

Your home navigation may issue a pro rata refund to full months unused, providing you send your old, unexpired licence disks back to the issuing office with your refund request.

However, if you are paying by Direct Debit please contact the Customer Service Centre, for confirmation of the refund procedure.

A Gold Licence is non refundable

Discounts

- Vessels which are powered solely by electricity: 25% discount.
- Historic boats on BW waterways claiming the 10% discount should contact the Customer Service Centre who will calculate the value of your discount on your Gold Licence for you – it is a complicated formula as the 10% can only be applied to the BW element of your Gold Licence.

All the fees are based on the BW prompt payment rates so there is no further discount.

Payment methods

- cheque, cash or postal order. Cheques payable to British Waterways. Only send cash by registered post.
- Visa, Mastercard or Switch
- Direct Debit (see fee list):
 - ⇒ in one single payment
 - ⇒ over 5 months subject to a 10% handling fee
 - ⇒ over 9 months subject to a 10% handling fee

If you pay in instalments, the first payment is 20% of the total amount due and is collected on the licence start date. The remaining instalments are equal amounts collected on the first day of the following months. The prompt payment discount is not available for instalment payments.

What requirements are there?

- A valid Boat Safety Scheme Certificate OR Declaration of Conformity with the Recreational Craft Directive. The latter must include the boat specifications and your declaration. If your boat is an open vessel powered solely by an outboard engine and it has no appliances for cooking, heating, refrigeration or lighting, it will probably be exempt from this requirement – ask us for an exemption form and enclose it with your Gold Licence application.
- Proof that you have third party liability insurance cover in place for a minimum of £1 million
- Once you have obtained your Gold Licence, you must display the discs prominently on both sides of your vessel. Registration documents issued by relevant navigation authorities must be carried aboard your vessel. (Please remove all old discs)

Where can I use the Gold Licence?

A full list of waterways is printed overleaf.

How long does it take to issue a licence?

Please allow 21 days.

Access keys

A single key fits all BW sanitary facilities and a handcuff key is required to open locks on some British Waterways navigations. Keys cost £5 each, available from the British Waterways Customer Service Centre, waterway offices and chandlers. A separate waterway key is also required for the River Nene, cost £4 per key, available from Environment Agency at the Peterborough office.

Safe and responsible boating

You must familiarise yourself with and follow the regulations set by each navigation authority. For a copy of The Boaters Handbook, contact the BW Customer Service Centre or any BW or EA office.

Temporary restrictions

Please check the BW and EA websites for stoppage information before travel. British Waterways' main repair programme runs from November to March.

If you have any questions contact
British Waterways Customer Service Centre
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Watford WD17 4QA
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THE GOLD LICENCE MAY BE USED ON THE FOLLOWING WATERWAYS

British Waterways

- Aire & Calder Navigation
- Ashby Canal
- Ashton Canal
- Birmingham & Fazeley Canal
- Birmingham Canal Navigations
- Bow Back Rivers
- Bridgwater & Taunton Canal
- Calder & Hebble Navigation
- Caledonian Canal *
- Chesterfield Canal
- Coventry Canal
- Crinan Canal *
- Erewash Canal
- Forth & Clyde Canal *
- Fossdyke Navigation
- Gloucester & Sharpness Canal
- Grand Union Canal
- Hertford Union Canal
- Huddersfield Broad Canal
- Huddersfield Narrow Canal
- Kennet & Avon
- Lancaster Canal
- Lee Navigation
- Leeds & Liverpool Canal
- Limehouse Cut
- Llangollen Canal
- London Docklands
(a fee is charged for
Short term moorings)
- Macclesfield Canal
- Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal
- Montgomery Canal
- New Junction Canal
- Oxford Canal
- Peak Forest Canal
- Regent's Canal
- Ripon Canal
- River Avon (Hanham Lock to Bath)
- River Ouse (Yorkshire)
- River Severn
- River Soar Navigation
- River Ure
- Rochdale Canal
- Stort Navigation
- Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigations
- Shropshire Union Canal
- Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal
- Stainforth & Keadby Canal
- Stourbridge Canal
- Stratford-on-Avon Canal
- Trent & Mersey Canal
- Trent Navigation
- Union Canal *
- Upper Trent Navigation
(incl. the Nottingham and Beeston Canal)
- Weaver Navigation
- Witham Navigation
- Worcester & Birmingham

Environment Agency

- River Thames
- River Medway
- River Nene
- River Great Ouse
- River Ancholme
- River Glen above Surfleet Sluice
- River Welland above Spalding Lock
- River Stour

Environment Agency Contact Details

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GOLD LICENCE FEES FOR NARROWBOATS AND CRAFT LESS THAN 3.5m (11'5") WIDE, 2004

If your boat is larger than this, please contact us for a quote.

Fees include VAT where applicable. Price is the same for powered and unpowered craft.

Deduct 25% if your boat has a permanently fitted inboard electric motor

Overall length		Payment in full	Direct debit payment
Metres	Feet & inches	£	£
Up to - 5.09	Up to - 16' 8"	299.00	328.90
5.10 - 6.09	16' 9" - 20' 0"	322.00	354.20
6.10 - 7.09	20' 1" - 23' 3"	347.00	381.70
7.10 - 8.09	23' 4" - 26' 6"	374.00	411.40
8.10 - 9.09	26' 7" - 29' 10"	400.00	440.00
9.10 - 10.09	29' 11" - 33' 1"	426.00	468.60
10.10 - 11.09	33' 2" - 36' 5"	454.00	499.40
11.10 - 12.09	36' 6" - 39' 8"	480.00	528.00
12.10 - 13.09	39' 9" - 42' 11"	507.00	557.70
13.10 - 14.09	43' 0" - 46' 3"	532.00	585.20
14.10 - 15.09	46' 4" - 49' 6"	558.00	613.80
15.10 - 16.09	49' 7" - 52' 9"	586.00	644.60
16.10 - 17.09	52' 10" - 56' 1"	611.00	672.10
17.10 - 18.09	56' 2" - 59' 4"	638.00	701.80
18.10 - 19.09	59' 5" - 62' 7"	666.00	732.60
19.10 - 20.09	62' 8" - 65' 11"	692.00	761.20
20.10 - 21.09	66' 0" - 68' 11"	718.00	789.80
21.10 - 22.09	69' 0" - 72' 2"	746.00	820.60
22.10 - 23.09	72' 3" - 75' 09"	784.00	862.40
For vessels over 23.09 metres		Prices available on request	

Copies of the complete Gold Licence fee sheet for narrowboats and craft is available from The Customer Service Centre at Watford, or download it from www.britishwaterways.co.uk.
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